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1. ACCORDING TO THE MAR 8 BANGKOK PRESS, POL. COL. PRACHAKKRA BUNNAK, DEPUTY SECRETARY, POLICE DEPARTMENT, ANNOUNCED THAT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS DECIDED TO FILE LEGAL CHARGES AGAINST 143 OF THE 3145 PERSONS ARRESTED DURING THE INCIDENT AT THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY ON OCT. 6, 1976. OF THIS NUMBER 110 ARE PRESENTLY UNDER DETENTION. THE OTHER 33 WERE AMONG THOSE GRANTED BAIL AND WHO HAVE REPORTEDLY DISAPPEARED. POL. COL. PRACHAKRA ALSO SAID THAT 74 OF THE 143 PERSONS WILL FACE A CHARGE OF ENGAGING IN COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES BEFORE A MILITARY COURT. HE ADDED THAT 2,579 PERSONS HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN GRANTED BAIL AND THE COURT LATER APPROVED THE RELEASE OF ANOTHER 303. THE OTHER 153 APPARENTLY WERE RELEASED OUTRIGHT.

2. COMMENT: THE FIGURES RELEASED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT MAR 8 DIFFER SLIGHTLY FROM THE FIGURES THE DEPARTMENT HAD PREVIOUSLY RELEASED AND THOSE THAT THE EMBASSY OBTAINED FROM THE CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT. THE EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT TO RECONCILE THE DIFFERENCES AND REPORT THE RESULTS TO THE DEPARTMENT.
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